

Teacher Strikes Idle Kids

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We all know Rainbow Secondary to be a calm, safe place to learn. It is a high school known for cleanliness and great staff, but after recent events many opinions have changed.

Ms. Swatson is the senior Social Justice and Law educator. She has been known from time to time to lose her temper and yell. Well, rage is more accurate. But it has never gotten out of hand to the point it did last Tuesday.

Her Social Justice class had lately been studying a unit on the touchy subject of domestic abuse when she lashed out at several students. When interviewed shortly after the incident and asked what had happened, she simply replied “Stevie was sleeping, Bobby was making paper airplanes, and

Jess was braiding Hilary’s hair. I had no choice but to bring them back to reality and the subject being discussed”. So demonstrating the topic of discussion seemed to be

the best way?? She was not eager on dishing out the details, but there are eye witnesses that say she “threw Bobby’s airplane at Stevie with stunning force and accuracy”, “yanked uncommonly hard on Hilary’s braid after smacking Jess’s hand away”, and “smacked Stevie over the head with a meter stick”.

Many are questioning Ms. Swatson’s frame of mind and mental state at this point. Tuesday’s event was much more extreme than Ms. Swatson’s normal fits.

Luckily only a few minor injuries were sustained. The meter stick ricocheted off of Stevie and nearly missed Bobby’s left ear. Bobby spent several hours at the hospital getting stitches where a fragment of meter stick had impaled his left cheek. Stevie was given Tylenol for his severe headache, but is expected to fully recover physically. Mentally, no one knows how these 4 children, as well as their fellow classmates who witnessed the attack, will cope. All 25 students will be offered counseling and support as they deal with the violence towards their classmates and the stress of a new teacher- hopefully a calmer one.

